

WOMAN WROTE THREATS IN POEM AND IN LETTERS

Mrs. Laura A. Waring Johnson Mailed Messages to Former Husband's Friends.

SHE IS HELD FOR TRIAL.

Magistrate Finn Puts Her Under \$500 Bail After Hearing Threat in Rhyme.

The examination of Mrs. Laura A. Waring Johnson, divorced wife of Daniel A. Johnson, a wealthy retired Madison lane jeweler, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of sending threatening letters to Oscar A. Hauptner, a shirt manufacturer, his two sisters, Miss Bertha A. and Anna V. Hauptner, and also to her former husband, was continued today before Magistrate Finn in the Jefferson Market Court.

After the Court had heard read the letter in which Mrs. Johnson wrote that she intended to shoot her former husband and the Hauptners on sight, the Magistrate held the prisoner in \$500 bail for trial in the Court of Special Sessions.

The defendant's former husband and all three members of the Hauptner family were in court for today's hearing. Miss Bertha Hauptner turned over to Magistrate Finn a bundle of two hundred letters and several poems that Mrs. Johnson had sent her during the past seventeen years.

No Cause for Jealousy.

She declared that the prisoner's seeming jealousy of her was absolutely without foundation. In one letter, said Miss Hauptner, Mrs. Johnson threatened to name her in a divorce suit, she said she would bring against her husband unless Miss Hauptner sent her \$100.

Mr. Johnson testified that he had divorced his wife in New Jersey two years ago. He said that her relatives were responsible for the divorce suit. Until they interfered with his marital affairs, he declared, he and his wife had lived happily together for fifteen years.

Since he obtained his divorce, he went on, his wife had persecuted him with letters and threats, driving him into retirement from business and causing him the loss of large sums of money.

Mr. Hauptner said that his business had also suffered through the extravagant conduct of Mrs. Johnson. Then Miss Hauptner produced the following poem as a sample of some of the effusions which she had received from the prisoner.

Strong and defiant, my port to fulfill,
I wield over the nation the strength of my will.
Through clerk and press and inter-lunatic
My name is the one to endure as a mate.
Whatever I do is none of your biz,
And I laugh to think it is my time to say.

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Rich Man's Daughter Who Wants to Go on Stage, and Actress Sister.



HELEN LOUISE STECK
Mrs. W. WARNER W. CROXTON

MILLIONAIRE CAN'T KEEP HIS CHILD OFF STAGE

Helen Steck Says She'll Be an Actress When She Is of Age.

Defeated in her effort to appear in the chorus of a musical comedy at its Philadelphia premiere Monday night, Miss Helen Steck, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Milton Steck, is at the Ansonia, where the family is spending the winter, declaring today that she will go on the stage the minute she becomes of age.

"I think it is the most wonderful life in the world," said the girl, "and shall certainly go on with the work when I am of age. I love it and nothing can keep me from it. Of course it is impossible now because of the opposition of my mother and father. The other girls were just like sisters to me."

Mr. Steck is a millionaire coal operator, and his daughters are members of fashionable society in Philadelphia and are popular in New York. They have a summer home at Haverford, Pa., and a winter residence in Daytona, Fla., but spend much of their time in New York. Mr. Steck is an enthusiastic automobilist.

Gave Permission at First.
At first Mr. Steck gave his younger daughter permission to try a stage career. His other daughter, Mrs. Warner W. Croxton, a year older than Helen, began rehearsing in New York at the same time as the younger girl several weeks ago and took part in the Philadelphia performance from which Miss Helen was taken at the last minute.

Miss Edna Steck eloped with W. W. Croxton, a passenger agent for the Southern Railroad, on the eve of her coming out ball last Easter, but she soon asked, through her parents, for an annulment, saying she was too young to marry, and besides found it impossible to live with her husband because of his jealous disposition. Mrs. Croxton is a clever artist and musician, and both girls possess rare beauty.

So in December the parents reluctantly gave their consent to the two daughters joining the "Havanna" company, and they began rehearsals. Last week Mr. Steck withdrew his consent as to the younger daughter, and she was almost heartbroken. Her mother finally told her, however, that she could go to Philadelphia to witness the opening, and she left Sunday afternoon with a party including John Wamaker Jr., Alfred Sargent, a chapman and several other Philadelphia young folk.

Telegram Shocked Mother.
Mrs. Steck was greatly surprised Monday to receive a telegram from her daughter saying, "I would not give it up for anything; refuse to come off."

The next train took Mrs. Steck to Philadelphia, where her presence was sufficient to induce Helen to change her mind and turn her costume over to her understudy.

The failure of Miss Steck to appear was a keen disappointment to the smart set of the Quaker City, where the family has been socially prominent for several years.

"My daughter is greatly distressed because she was forced to retire at the last moment," said Mrs. Steck today at the Ansonia. "She is not a stage actress, but she abhors an idle life and is greatly interested in her work. I have no serious objections to the stage, but I think Helen is too young to begin a professional career at this time."

EIGHT ORPHANS WIN CASE.
Jury Gives \$10,000 Damages for Killing of Mortimer Walsh.

Eight orphans, three to fourteen years old, were powerful arguments to assist the plea of lawyers Alfred and Charles Steckler to Justice Day and a jury in the Supreme Court today to compensate for the death of Mortimer Walsh, who was killed at Forty-third street and Ninth avenue by a car of his employer, the New York City Railway Company.

The jury gave a verdict for \$10,000.

AMERICAN BONDS COME BACK.
BERLIN, Jan. 20.—The Deutsche Bank has sold \$4,000,000 worth of bonds of the Western Maryland Railroad Company to a syndicate headed by Blair & Co., the New York bankers.

BAD DACHSHUND ENDS POLICE CAREER OF BLOODHOUND

Bologna Dog Steals Death's Warm Coat, While Hairless Pet Bites Destruction.

"SLEUTHED" BRIEFLY.

Horrible Treatment on First Scent Causes Prostration of Pair on Probation.

Death and Destruction, the two "ferocious" bloodhounds that were sent to Commissioner Bingham from Poughkeepsie to reinforce his sleuthing department, were crated today and returned to their owner, Mr. Manning Cleveland, a well-known dog fancier and breeder of double-scent, high-action, hair-rising, centre-fire bloodhounds.

The dogs were sent back at Mr. Cleveland's request, for the reason that they were not treated with the gentleness and solicitude that their owner considers their due. It is said that Death developed a severe case of nervous prostration and that Destruction was weeping himself into a premature grave from homesickness.

Dachshund Stole Death's Overcoat.
When the two animals arrived here and were turned over to Lieut. Whitaker and Deputy Commissioner Wood for experiment they (the dogs) were padded jackets and felt shoes. Mr. Cleveland requested that during the cold snap they should retain their jackets and tobsie slips as they were very delicate and that they should be fed on mush and cream and have their temperatures taken twice a day. At night they should be tucked in flannel blankets and provided with feet warmers.

These instructions were carried out to the letter, but alas! on the first day Death was taken out to track a highly scented hobo across Fort Washington Park he met an ill-disposed dachshund. The dachshund got in Death's way and challenged him to battle.

"Go 'way, you bad doggie!" yelled Death. "I am trailing a tramp. I am a bloodhound!"

"You're a long-eared stuff!" replied the dachshund, stretching forward his front feet and seizing Death's padded coat in his teeth.

"Oh, please go 'way, you bad doggie!" howled Death, but the dachshund held on until his front and rear legs were eight feet apart, when Death's jacket slipped off and he slid from the vicious dachshund's grip. The cruel bologna dog instantly ran away with the bloodhound's coat, and Death caught a bad cold. Furthermore, he became so nervous over the encounter that he abandoned the scent of the tramp.

Lapdog Bit Destruction.
Lieut. Whitaker called in a "vet" for Death that night and he was tenderly ministered to. The next day Destruction was taken out to see if he could trail a can of gasoline across Dykeman street. He was doing very nicely when a Mexican hairless lapdog attacked him and bit him on the right ear.

This completely unnerved him and he lowered his tail between his legs and scampered back to the Fort Washington Park kennels. He developed a bad case of shivers and two "vets" were called in. They advised mustard baths and a laxative poultice for the bruise on Destruction's right ear where the Mexican hairless had bitten him.

The delicate canine sleuth did not recover readily to the treatment, however, and Deputy Commissioner Wood telegraphed the facts to the dogs' owner.

Immediately on the receipt of the telegram Mr. Cleveland sent a trained nurse from Poughkeepsie. The nurse found Destruction weeping and sobbing bitterly, and Death looked all in from nervous prostration. The bloodhound nurse was greatly incensed and heaved several stinging lines at Lieut. Whitaker and Mr. Wood.

Too Delicate for the Force.
"You must have been very harsh with these doggies," said the nurse. "You have allowed them to become frightened by strange city noises, and vulgar city dogs have attacked them. Do you not know that bloodhounds are the most delicate and timid of creatures, gentle, docile and docile in their disposition? Do you not know that all all-around popular tradition that bloodhounds are ferocious?" Mr. Cleveland will be very much put out and will insist on taking the dogs home.

The nurse was right. Mr. Cleveland was quite angry and ordered that Death and Destruction be crated and sent back to Poughkeepsie. However, Mr. Cleveland intimated that he would sell Death and Destruction to the city for \$100 each.

Mr. Wood is not likely to endorse the proposed sale, however, and has begun the preparation of a thesis on "Neurotic Bloodhounds" and their usefulness for city bloodhounding.

JENKINS CASE STANDS
Banker Will Be Tried in Another County.

Justice Scudder today denied the application of District Attorney Clarke of Kings, to be allowed to re-argue the motion for a change of venue for the Jenkins brothers—Frank J. G. and Frederick J. G.—charged with bank wrecking.

Mr. Clarke said that the necessity for trying the case in another county had passed with the dying out of public excitement in Brooklyn at the time when sixteen banks were in trouble. All the banks but that of the Jenkinses have resumed business.

Justice Scudder said that to re-open the matter would start wasteful litigation and denied the order.

ACTOR JOHN E. INCE DEAD.
John E. Ince, the comedian, is dead at his home, No. 233 East Thirty-seventh street, Sheepshead Bay. Mr. Ince caught cold during the snowstorm last Saturday and was stricken suddenly Monday night. The dead comedian was sixty-six years old. A widow and two sons survive him. Both the sons are on the stage.

MRS. TOWER, WHOSE HUSBAND FIGHTS COURT DECREE



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Millionaire Who Wed Telephone Girl in Court for a New Fight.

(Special to The Evening World.)
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Albert Edward Tower, the millionaire iron-founder, has filed a notice of appeal from the judgment of the Supreme Court awarding his wife a separation and granting her \$50 a month alimony.

Mrs. Tower in her suit made sensational charges against her husband. She accused him of bestowing money and favors on a woman guest on his yacht, his attentions being so marked, she said, that she left the boat. Mr. Tower denied the charges.

Before her marriage Mrs. Tower was Mary Bogardus, a telephone operator. Mrs. Tower's first wife killed herself and her son some years ago and soon after Mr. Tower met Miss Bogardus. They were secretly married in New Jersey and later another ceremony was performed at the bride's home in this city.

The Tower mansion on the Hyde Park road has been closed by Mrs. Tower, to whom the publicity of her litigation with her husband was distasteful. She has removed to White Plains. Mr. Tower has also given up his residence here and is living in New York.

WANTS JUSTICE FOR JEWS
OR REVOKE RUSSIAN TREATY

Congressman Goldfogle Violates War Government Violates Agreement of 1883.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Representative Goldfogle, of New York, would have the treaty of 1883 between the United States and Russia abolished unless the Russian Government agrees what he declares to be a discrimination by that country against American Jews, and he has introduced a joint resolution bringing about this result.

The resolution is preceded by a long preamble, in which it is declared that Russia has, from time to time, refused to recognize the passports of American citizens because they are of the Jewish faith. The terms of the treaty providing that the inhabitants of the two countries "shall mutually have the liberty of entertaining, sojourning and residing in all parts of the respective territories of each other," are set forth, and it is then declared that Russia has repeatedly and in the face of remonstrances from this country refused to issue passports because of the religious belief of some of the holders of them.

HER MOTHER-IN-LAW
Proved a Wise, Good Friend.

A young woman out in Ia. found a wise, good friend in her mother-in-law, jokes notwithstanding. She writes:

"It is two years since we began using Postum in our house. I was greatly troubled with my stomach, complexion was blotchy and yellow. After meals I often suffered sharp pains and would have to lie down. My mother often told me it was the coffee I drank at meals. But when I quit coffee I had a severe headache."

"While visiting my mother-in-law I remarked that she always made such good coffee, and asked her to tell me how. She laughed and told me it was easy to make good 'coffee' when you use Postum."

"I began to use Postum as soon as I got home, and now we have the same good 'coffee' (Postum) every day, and I have no more trouble. Indigestion is a thing of the past, and my complexion has cleared up beautifully."

"My grandmother suffered a great deal with her stomach. Her doctor told her to leave off coffee. She then took tea, but that was just as bad. She finally was induced to try Postum, which she has used for over a year. She travelled during the winter over the greater part of Iowa, visiting, something she had not been able to do for years. She says she owes her present good health to Postum."

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(Signed) MISS WISE.